

I urge the people of the United States to give heed to the nationwide problem of the heart and blood-vessel diseases, and to support the programs required to bring about its solution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-three, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3567

SAVE YOUR VISION WEEK, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS blindness is a major and increasing social and economic problem in the United States in spite of the great advances in the last two decades in medical care, vastly improved health, and increased longevity of our people; and

WHEREAS visual disorders and defects in our younger population interfere with their proper intellectual, social, and emotional development; and

WHEREAS it is essential to the health of our Nation that our citizens be aware of what is being done and what can be done to control the causes of blindness and visual impairments, and that they avail themselves of opportunities for conserving vision; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved December 30, 1963, has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the first week in March of each year as Save Your Vision Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning March 1, 1964, as Save Your Vision Week; and I invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to issue similar proclamations.

I also request the medical and allied health professions, the communications industries, and all interested persons and groups to unite during the designated week in public affirmation of our Nation's effort to conserve the God-given and irreplaceable gift of vision.

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